

RESOLVED, That congress be earnestly requested to furnish this state with one thousand stand of arms with their accoutrements, and four brass field pieces, two twelve pounders and two four pounders, properly equipped, and that congress be desired to direct the arms in the possession of colonel Uriah Forrest to be delivered to the order of the governor and council of this state.

RESOLVED, That congress be informed, that the trade of this state and Virginia through the capes of Chesapeake bay is very considerable, and that this state and the United States are greatly interested in its preservation, and that this state has always contributed to the expence of the continental navy, but the state or its trade has never received any benefit or advantage from the marine of the United States, and therefore that congress be earnestly requested to direct one of the continental frigates to be so stationed, as to protect the trade from this state and Virginia, and further to order (when the service of the United States will permit) that one of the frigates convoy the fleets from this bay.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Job appeared in the house. Mr. Timothy Kirk, a delegate returned for Cecil county, appeared, and after being duly qualified took his seat in the house.

Mr. Key brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the representation of Ignatius Fenwick, Robert Watts, and Thomas Bond, commissioners of the tax for St. Mary's county, beg leave to report, that they conceive the only way to have the tax punctually collected will be to vest the commissioners in each county with a power to appoint who they please as collector, fixing a fine on the person so nominated in case of refusal to act.

Your committee further beg leave to observe, that where the commissioners cannot engage one person to act as collector, then they should have the power of dividing the county into districts, and appoint a collector for each district, allowing each collector so appointed ———

Your committee recommend this method, being of opinion, that as the sheriffs are chosen by the people, they are often not capable of executing the trust of collector, and in many instances will be liable to fail in obtaining proper security for the faithful discharge of their office.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order com.

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Fitzhugh brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the **COMMITTEE** of **ELECTIONS** and **PRIVILEGES**.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to the honourable house, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Cecil county it appears, that Mr. Timothy Kirk is duly elected and returned a delegate for said county, in the room of Mr. Elihu Hall, who resigned. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed by order com.

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The house took into consideration the 4th resolution in the report of Friday last by Mr. Bruff, which was postponed for consideration, and the question was put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Sprigg appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Key,	Maccubbin,	Gibson,	Kirk,	Chaille,	Alexander,
Wilmer,	Fitzhugh,	Birkhead,	Bruff,	Holland,	Stall,
Lethbury,	Smith,	Winder,	Brown,	M'Comas,	Sprigg,
W. Stevenson,	Freeland,	Ward,	Ringgold,	Taylor,	Chapline,
Cadwalader,	Dent,	Job,	Quynn,	Keene,	Cramphin,
J. Hall,	Banning,	Lawson,	Chase,	M'Mechen,	Bayly.

N E G A T I V E.

Mackall,	S. Hanson,	Eccleston,	Magruder,	Gaunt,	M'Bryde,
Worthington,	Deye,	Crauford,	Selby,	Archer,	Burgess.
Digges,	Hammond,	B. Hall,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the said resolution. **ORDERED**, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Smith, do prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the resolutions relative to arms, &c. by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. W. Stevenson.

By